GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:100
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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to permit 100 percent FDI in education sector as reported in The Times of India dated September 08,2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the current status of the proposal;

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up joint venture in higher education sector;

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy to keep a check on the fees charged by such foreign institutions and the quality of education; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STATRRED QUESTION NO. 100 FOR ANSWER ON 28-11-2006 ASKED BY SHRI RAKESH SINGH AND SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI ON FOREIGN INVESTEMNT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

(a) (b)& (c): There is no separate sectoral policy notified for the education sector. By virtue of Press Note 2 (2000 Series) dated the 11th February, 2000 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, FDI is already allowed on automatic route in the Education Sector.

(d) (e) & (f): A proposal for the regulation of entry and operation, maintenance of quality and prevention of commercialization of education by Foreign Educational Institutions in Higher Education is currently under consideration of the Government. Subject to finalisation of policy in this regard, an appropriate legislation would be introduced in Parliament at the earliest.